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MINERALS PROGRAM
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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Soils Specialist *HWS*

RE: Small Fry Site Inspection, W. K. Enterprises, M/037/022,
San Juan County, Utah

I visited the Small Fry site on August 31, 1989. I met at the site with Mr. Robert Shumway and Sal Venticinque of the BLM. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate the recent dirt work, grading and contouring, at the site, and to obtain BLM and DOGM approval for the regrading and contouring. The operator, W. K. Enterprises, hopes to obtain a partial bond release for the recent reclamation.

The six acres of disturbance at the mine has been reclaimed down to about 1 acre of remaining disturbance. The operator wants to leave this remaining area for possible future use and will maintain responsibility for this area. The five acres that have been reclaimed have been regraded, contoured and re-topsoiled. The operator has attempted to push good red dirt on top of older waste material or shale material in an attempt to provide a better planting medium. This has been accomplished quite well throughout most of the site. The site has been well graded and has been left in a rough condition which will be very conducive to plant growth later on.

Mr. Venticinque indicated that he felt the reclamation to be acceptable and would put together a letter for our file stating that the BLM was in agreement with DOGM that this portion of the site has been reclaimed and a partial bond release is due.

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The several portals remaining on the site should be better barricaded from the public than they are right now. The portals do have doors or gates on them, but none of these have sufficient locks. The operator needs to ensure that there are chains and padlocks on these facilities preventing public access.

The reclamation, thus far accomplished at the site, has been well done and the operator should be commended on his efforts in performing the reclamation. The reclamation on this site was difficult because of poor quality material, and steep terrain.

I recommend that the Division re-evaluate the bond for this site, base it on revegetation only and release the remaining portion of the surety to the operator. Hopefully this can be accomplished by or at the September 28, 1989 Board meeting.

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cc: Bob Shumway, W.K. Enterprises
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